

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 225*  
*REVEREND DERRICK PERKINS*

***WHEREAS*, This honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised of the upcoming installation ceremonies of the Reverend Derrick Perkins as pastor of Centennial Christian Church this Sunday, November 4, 2007 at 5 pm; and**

***WHEREAS*, Reverend Perkins will have the distinction of being the youngest pastor ever installed in the history of Centennial Church which is located in the boundaries of the 18<sup>th</sup> Ward; and**

***WHEREAS*, Centennial Christian Church began in 1904, the same year as the St. Louis World's Fair, and has had many able pastors in it's 103 years of service to the St. Louis community; and**

***WHEREAS*, as one of the anchors in the Fountain Park Neighborhood Centennial Church is directly across the street from Fountain Park that houses St. Louis largest statue of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.;**

***WHEREAS*, Reverend Perkins is a graduate of Harris Stowe State University with a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in Life Studies, is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, is certified in Systematic Evangelism, Urban Church Ministry, Urban Education, Child and Youth Development; and**

***WHEREAS*, the Reverend Perkins comes from Hopewell MB Church just around the corner from Centennial where he was Associate Pastor, was project director for the Jamison Memorial Human Resources and Development Agency and was Overseer for the St. Louis Children's Defense Fund and 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Enrichment Programs; and**

***WHEREAS*, with a host of credentials and years of experience, Reverend Perkins brings new energy and vision to Centennial that includes educational, cultural, adult and youth programs so needed by our community and that builds and expands Centennial's long history of community service;**

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to welcome and congratulate the Reverend Derrick Perkins on his installation as the new Pastor of Centennial Christian Church and by adoption of this resolution wishes to join in the festivities honoring Reverend Perkins and commemorating his new tenure as pastor and, we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.**

**Introduced on the 2nd day of November, 2007 by:**

**Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward**

**Adopted this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2007 as attested by:**

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**Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman**  
**Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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**Lewis E. Reed**  
**President, Board of Aldermen**